

OXFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

JULY 3, 2007

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission was called to order by the chairperson, Pamela Baker, on Tuesday, July 3, at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other commission members in attendance were Donald Silliman and Anthony Passarella.

The minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2007 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following building permits were approved in the town office:

- #07-14 C-3 Mears Yacht Haven, 502 E. Strand, extend existing post and rail fencing by 2 sections to delineate property line. Section 32.12. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-20 R-1 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weaver, 800 S. Morris St., 4 sections of 2-rail fence at right angles to driveway with 4' high post lantern on right side; gate attached to right side of house 4' high x 10' across to hedge. Section 32.12.

- #07-21 R-1 Betsy Roe, 200 Bonfield Ave., to install a 4' high fence to back of property. Section 32.12.

- #07-23 C-1 Edward Hainke, 100 W. Division Street, install matching fence on part of property line using same cedar material. Section 32.12. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-25 R-3 Wayne Bildahl, 121 W. Pier St., enclose existing screen porch. Section 24.01. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-26 R-2 Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Stanley, 221. South St., replacement of post and wire fencing on north and south property line and replacement of flooring on front porch with fabricated wood. Section 32.12. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-27 R-2 Lisa Gray, 103 Norton St., rear deck. Section 32.19, 23.05. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-28 R-2 Alan VanWinkle, 200 Tred Avon Ave, extend kitchen 6' in width; install double hung windows with wood mullions; metal standing ridge roof; siding

will match current level; foundation to be solid block. Section 23.05. To Historic District Commission.

- #07-29 R-2 Dennis Buttner, 110 N. Morris St., add one window and replace one window same size and type. Section 23.01. To Historic District Commission.
- #07-33 R-2 James Turrell, 308 Tilghman St., new fence around existing swimming pool. Section 32.12. To Historic District Commission.

The following building permit was reviewed by the Planning Commission:

- Permit #07-37 RR Stuart Thoms, 4521 Bachelor Pt. Ct., 5' and 4' aluminum decorative fencing and 4' wire 12 gauge black coated fencing to surround existing swimming pool. Mr. Thoms explained to the commission that he has a pool on his property which has always been open that he would now like to have enclosed with fencing. Aluminum fencing would be used with one section of wire mesh fencing being used through an area of dense trees and bushes, and another section left open in which the fencing would touch up to a pond and marsh area thus creating a natural barrier. Mr. Silliman stated that he had no problem with Mr. Thoms wanting to put up fencing as long as it was 48" or less in height and asked Mr. Thoms the reason for his wanting the excessive height. Mr. Thoms explained that in the large open areas of Bachelors Point a 4' fence does not look proportionally right. Mr. Silliman responded that even so, zoning only allows for 4' fencing and that there has to be a reason for granting a variance. Mr. Passarella added that he has noticed 3 rail or 4 rail fencing along country properties that are only about 3' to 4' high that do not look out of place. The commission informed Mr. Thoms that if he altered his permit to request only a 4' fence it could be handled in the town office. Mr. Thoms replied that if everything else in the permit was correct then he would alter the application accordingly to meet the requirements of the Oxford Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Thoms asked if there were any requirements as to property lines and their relationship to fencing. Mrs. Baker responded that the fence can be at the property line as long as it is the outside of the fence at the property line. A motion was made by Mr. Silliman to turn down the application because it (the fencing) is 7" higher than the allowable 48" fence and that the commission has no objection to the positioning

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on the property except for the height. Also the commission encourages the fence to be put up since it involves a swimming pool. It was also agreed by the commission members not to make a recommendation to the Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Passarella and unanimously carried without further discussion.

This concluded the review of building permits.

A brief discussion took place concerning properties in town with swimming pools that still do not have safety fences around them and the need to remind those people that they need to have fencing around their pools.

Mrs. Baker announced that Planning Commission member Mary Klair is now on the Board of Appeals and that the Planning Commission now needs two additional members.

Prior to adjourning, the members agreed that the Planning Commission will now only meet the first Tuesday of every month unless something urgent arises, at which time the commission will also meeting the third Tuesday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk